

**IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: Pieter Maarten VAN GENT

Appl. No.: **NEW NON-PROVISIONAL** Group:

Filed: July 28, 2003 Examiner:

For: FRAME FOR HOLDING SHEET MATERIAL TAUT

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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July 28, 2003

Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claim as follows:

10. (amended) Frame according to claim 1, wherein the legs have contact means for feeding an electric current through sheet metal material.